

Hearing: After Injury, the Battle Begins: Evaluating Workers' Compensation for Civilian Contractors in War Zones

Date: June 18, 2009 at 2:00 pm

Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2154

On Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Domestic Policy Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, "After Injury, the Battle Begins: Evaluating Workers' Compensation for Civilian Contractors in War Zones."

This hearing will examine the handling of workers' compensation insurance for federal contractors working overseas known as Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance. The issue made recent headlines after reports by ProPublica, the Los Angeles Times, and ABC News revealed that American International Group (AIG) and other carriers have inappropriately denied and delayed health insurance claims from civilian contractors killed or injured in Iraq. According to those reports, AIG is the primary insurer retained by contracting firms, handling almost 90% of civilian claims filed in the war zones in 2007. The hearing will explore ways to increase oversight and improve the DBA workers' compensation program in order to enhance protections afforded to injured civilian contractors.

Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) is expected to participate in this hearing.

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